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**CHINESE COMMENT ON
AMERICA MARU CASE**

The treatment of Japanese lay passengers at Honolulu, to which our Yokohama correspondent refers, does not reflect any credit upon the health officers at that port. We cannot understand why Japanese, Chinese or any other Asiatics, should not be treated with the same consideration as Europeans, or do we see why any special treatment should be prescribed for cabin as distinguished from steerage passengers. Of course we could not grumble at a little less perfect accommodation being provided for steerage passengers. The mere fact of their being steerage passengers would make this just and right. It is not to this that we object. What we do say is that any woman, whatever her nationality, is entitled to a certain amount of consideration on account of her sex, and must, at all costs, be protected from insult. We trust that the whole matter will be well thrashed out by the Japanese authorities, and that if any insults have been imposed upon the Japanese women passengers, be they steerage or cabin, full reparation will be demanded. We use the word women and not ladies, because the terms are synonymous. As Kipling truly says, "The Colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady are sisters—under their skins," and any woman must be protected from the least suspicion of insult in any country where the people profess to be and call themselves civilized.—Hongkong Telegraph.

The Japanese Foreign Office has now intimated that the newspaper reports regarding the Honolulu scandal are much exaggerated, though it is quite correct that the Japanese passengers received different treatment from that accorded to Europeans. The authorities further say that full particulars will be made public later on. A vernacular journal, Yordzu, however, claims that a member of its staff was among the passengers traveling by the America Maru, and a letter written by him confirms in the main what has been published. The journal mentioned contends that it is scarcely by credible to suppose that ladies would make such depositions containing details of an incident of the most disgraceful character, in the absence of facts. There have been many instances, it is alleged, of insults being offered to Japanese women by health officers and other American officials, but matters have been hushed up on account of the persons insulted being of the lower classes. In the present case, however, ladies of good family were concerned, and in consequence much indignation has been aroused.

The Gazette reports that at a meeting of the Cabinet Council held Tuesday the Foreign Minister made a minute report of the Hawaiian scandal and various Ministers gave their opinions on the matter. It is stated that although the result of the council is not known, the Japanese authorities will address the United States government in regard to the alleged ill-treatment of Japanese passengers, in a few days. It is also reported that the American Minister in Tokyo recently sent a long telegram to the home government relative to the affair. Hitherto, Japanese and Chinese passengers have been suffering treatment different from that which is accorded Europeans and Americans at Honolulu and other places, owing to racial prejudice, and the Japanese government wishes to effectually remove these discriminations exercised against the Japanese by the American authorities.—Yokohama Advertiser.

In explanation of the above the American chief health officer has written to the Japanese Consul as follows: "The incident seems to have been occasioned by the misunderstanding of my subordinates of instructions. The usual course of health inspection is to be applied to Japanese and Chinese steerage passengers only. In the recent case, however, I gave instructions to my subordinates to go through the inspection of cabin passengers as well, owing to the discovery of a suspected case of plague. The incident must have been caused owing to the misinterpretation by my subordinates of my instructions, in the sense that the same method of inspection should be applied to the cabin as well as steerage passengers. The responsibility of the whole affair rests on us, not on the ship's men. If we committed any fault in the discharge of our duties we shall offer an apology to Mr. and Mrs. Okabe and other passengers."

This, I think, is scarcely sufficient. Every possible precaution should, of course, be taken to prevent the spread of the plague, but there can be no excuse for the gross conduct imputed to the officials at Honolulu. Also, granting that the ladies in question were mistaken for steerage passengers, it is hard to see why even steerage passengers should be subjected to the outrages alleged to have been committed. It is sincerely to be hoped that the affair will be thoroughly sifted and the culprits duly punished.—Hongkong Telegraph.

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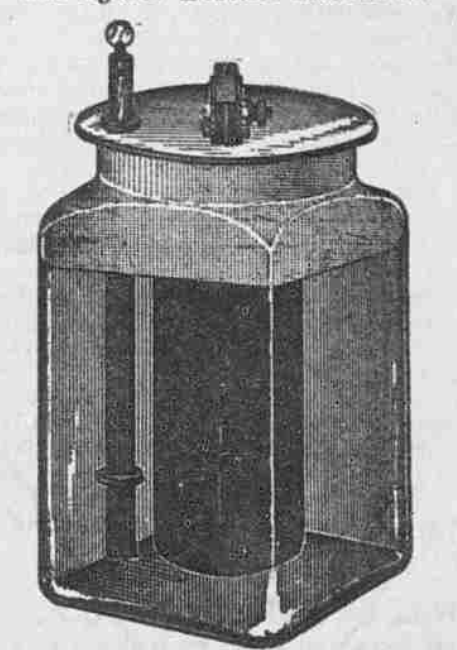


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